

4. (Amended) A composition according to claim 1 or 2 in which the amount of crude fibre in the composition is from about 3.5% to about 35%, by weight of the composition.

AI 5. (Amended) A composition according to claim 1 or 2 in which the amount of neutral detergent fibre in the composition is from about 15% to about 70%, by weight of the composition.

6. (Amended) A composition according to claim 1 or 2 in which at least some of the fibre is chopped fibre.

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7. (Amended) A composition according to claim 1 or 2 in which the starch content of the composition is below about 20% by weight of the composition.

AR 9. (Amended) A composition according to claim 1 or 2 in which the antacid inhibits secretion of acid in the stomach.

10. (Amended) A composition according to claim 9 in which the antacid is a proton pump inhibitor or a histamine type-2 antagonist.

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16. (Amended) A method according to claims 11, 12 or 13, in which the stomach pH of the animal is controlled from birth.

A3 17. (Amended) A method according to claims 11, 12 or 13, in which the stomach pH of the animal is controlled by inhibiting secretion of acid in the stomach of the animal.

18. (Amended) A method according to claim 17 in which the acid secretion is inhibited by administering a proton pump inhibitor or a histamine type-2 antagonist to the animal.

19. (Amended) A method according to claims 11, 12 or 13, in which the stomach pH of the animal is controlled by administering a composition comprising fat, fibre and optionally a stomach antacid to the animal.

21. (Amended) A method according to claim 19 in which the composition is included in the diet of the animal's mother when she is lactating.

22. (Amended) A method according to claim 19, in which the composition is included in feed and said feed is fed to the animal as it is being weaned.

23. (Amended) A method according to claims 11, 12 or 13, in which the stomach pH of the animal is controlled shortly before and/or during and/or following weaning, ingestion of a high grain diet, or a period of extended fasting by the animal.

25. (Amended) A method according to claim 24 in which ulcer formation is prevented or reduced, or ulcers are treated, by administering a composition comprising fat, fibre and optionally a stomach antacid to the animal.

28. (Amended) A method according to claims 11, 12 or 13, in which the animal is an *equidae*, a non-ruminant omnivore, or a non-ruminant herbivore.

29. (Amended) A method according to claim 28 in which the animal is a horse.

30. (Amended) A method according to claim 29 in which the stereotypy is crib-biting.